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Justice Rugg:

"The perpetuation of the human race cannot be termed a voluntary act, but it rests upon instincts and desires, which are found mentally imperative." "Wealth brings no consolation to those who mourn." *Sullivan v. Old Colony St. Ry. Co.*, 83 N.E. 1091, 1092 (Mass.).

Laws We Escape

A Bill to be entitled An Act Relating to Unmarried Girls and Widows.

The General Assembly of North Carolina do Enact:

That every girl or widow who refuses to marry a bachelor when asked to do so shall be fined not less than \$100 or serve not less than six months on the public roads, and pay a poll tax of one dollar, the same to go to the schools.—*American Mercury*, March, 1927.

First Principles

John Adams:

"The fundamental article of my political creed is that despotism or unlimited sovereignty or absolute power is the same in a majority of a popular assembly, an aristocratical council, an oligarchical junto, and a single emperor—equally arbitrary, cruel, bloody, and in every respect diabolical."—Letter to Thomas Jefferson.

The Humanity of the Law

It matters not on what plane of life one labors, nor how large or small the number of his acquaintances, the man who toils, and yet knows that in the circle of his influence there is at least one life in which, but for him, there would have been a shadow; that there is at least one home in which there is cheer where, but for him, there would have been gloom; that there is at least one heart in which there is hope where, but for him, there would have been despair—that man carries with him, as he goes, one of the richest treasures on this earth.—Mr. Justice Stacy, of the Supreme Court of North Carolina, in *State v. Wengles*, 115 South Eastern Reporter, 59.